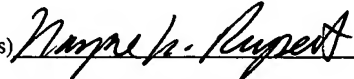


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cutting line. The material of the film (13) is an acetate film, typically made of cellulose acetate.

Applicants respectfully request that the documents be listed as references cited on the issued patent.

The present application relies upon U.S. Patent Application No. 09/736,512, which was filed December 13, 2000, for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Furthermore, documents listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 were disclosed to or cited by the Patent Office in the earlier U.S. application.

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